

REMARKS

The *Ex parte Quayle* Office Action dated July 19, 2004, has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments and the following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

Claims 1-13 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 4, 5, 9 and 10 are amended to address informalities. Also by this Amendment, a corrected drawing Fig. 8 is presented. No new matter is added by the amendments. It is noted that this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters and that prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with U.S. patent practice under *Ex parte Quayle*.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of claims 1-3, 6-8 and 11-13.

In the outstanding Office Action, claims 4, 5, 9 and 10 were objected to for various informalities. Claims 4, 5, 9 and 10 have been amended in accordance with the suggestions included in the outstanding Office Action to overcome the objections. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objections is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the conditions of the *Ex parte Quayle* Office Action have been satisfied and that the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowability.

Should the Examiner determine that any further action is necessary to place this application into better form, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned representative at the number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2300. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing Client Matter No. 101201-00021.

Respectfully submitted,

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